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2 Months to go until the Census of Population and Housing on 8 August 2006

Schools get a Census education

Schools all across the country have been sent a CD ROM of **A Tale of Two Worlds**. This interactive learning resource gives students an insight into aspects of the Census. A fact sheet about this CD ROM is provided below.

A TALE OF TWO WORLDS

A Tale of Two Worlds is an educational award-winning project produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

This CD ROM is an enjoyable way for students to gain an insight into the Census process. The Census of Population and Housing will be held on 8 August this year. The Census is conducted every five years by the ABS.

A Tale of Two Worlds is packed with fun and games showing students the Census's role in a democracy and how it allows them to play a part in determining the future of Australia. Teachers can integrate its games and activities into their school lessons.

So what's in store for the classroom? Here are some examples.

At the ABS office

- Take the bag packing challenge to see how many bags you can fill with the items a Census Collector needs.
- Enter the audio-visual theatre and take a journey back in time to learn how Census-taking evolved.

Planning and delivery

- Are you ready to face the obstacles of Miserly Manor to deliver a Census form come rain, hail or swooping magpies?
- From Tina's Marina, take a trip out into Australian waters and deliver Census forms to naval ships, oil rigs, fishing boats, islands and an Antarctic base.

On Census night

- Help the people in the Hicklesop House on Census night complete their household Census form.
- If you stay at a friend's house on Census night, where are you counted?

Collection and processing

- Help Henri Rock the Census Collector pick up completed Census forms in Schedule Street.
- Will Ranger Nicky find everyone in the National Park?
- Back at Tina's Marina watch out for rocks, sharks and stray harpoons as you collect Census forms from within Australian waters.

How do you turn Census forms into Census data?

- Guide the Census forms through processing, from scanning to recycling. It's up to you to see that the process runs smoothly.

Using Census data

- What do people actually do with Census data? Find out as you try to create a world of order. Where will you put the airport? What about the freeway? Where is the best place to put a school or a nursing home? Use the Census data to decide.

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